dogs, except the rabid or suspected rabid dogs, had to be discontinued under court orders.

(c) It has been the constant endeavour of both the MCD and the NDMC to impound the stary cattles so that this menace could be effectively curbed.

विदेशी खुफिया एजेंसियों पर रोक लगाना

4192. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार देश के आतंरिक मामलों में विशेषकर सरकार के काम-काज में प्रत्यक्ष या परोक्ष रूप से हस्तक्षेप करने अथवा निगरानी रखने या रूचि लेने में लगी विदेशी खुफिया एजेंसी/एजेंसियों पर नजर रखने या उस पर रोक लगाने के लिए कोई कदम उठाने पर विचार करेगी, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसा कब तक किया जाएगा?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) सरकार के कामकाज में हस्तक्षेप करने या इसे प्रभावित करने का प्रयास करने वाली विदेशी आसूचना एजेंसियों की गतिविधियों पर सरकार कड़ी नजर रख रही है। तथापि, इस संबंध में ब्यौरे देना राष्ट्र की सुरक्षा के हित में नहीं होगा।

Bill on Open and Transparent administration

4193. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has recently drafted Bill on freedom of information proposed to be introduced by Government, inter-alia, giving an open and transparent administration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details regarding constitution of the Committee along with its terms of reference and by when the Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Government have set up a Working Group on Right to Information and Promotion of open and transparent Government. A copy of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions O.M. No. 34011/1(S)/97-Estt. (B) dated the 2nd January, 1997 indicating the composition and terms of references of the Group, is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). The Group was initially given a period of 2 months to submit its report. However, keeping in view the complexities/intricacies of the subject referred to it, an extension of time upto 31st May, 1997 has been given to the Group for submission of the report.

Statement

Copy of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions indications the Composition and terms of references of the working Group on Right to Information and Promotion of open and transparent Government.

No. 34011/1 (S) 97-Estt. (B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

New Delhi, dated 2nd Jan. 1997

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:—Setting up of a Working Group on Right to Information and Promotion of open and transparent Government.

There is widespread agreement on the need for a clean and responsive administration based on the principle of accountability, openness, decentralisation and citizen orientation. In the context of the National Debate of Effective and Responsive Adminstration initated by the Government of India, it has been decided to formulate specific measures for the introduction of greater transparency in the functioning of Government and public bodies, with reference to both their own employees, and interaction